

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 82, 1/30/2015; HB 352, 1/30/2015

00:00:15 Chairman White

HEARING ON HB 352

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:01 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 352, Prohibit outfitting on state lands inaccessible to public.

00:02:20 Rep. Regier arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:42 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:04:40 Rod Bullis, Bitterroot Valley Herdsmen Association

00:05:37 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers

00:06:23 Bill Geer, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:14 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

EXHIBIT(nah27a01)

00:08:28 Rep. Court arrived

00:10:01 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived

EXHIBIT(nah27a02)

00:13:54 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana

00:15:23 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony:

00:18:54 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:22 Rep. Flynn

00:20:04 Rep. Jacobson

00:20:33 Rep. Flynn

00:20:49 Rep. Jacobson

00:21:20 Rep. Flynn

00:21:52 Rep. Jacobson

00:22:54 Rep. Flynn

00:23:26 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:24:02 Rep. Flynn

00:24:14 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:24:24 Rep. Bob Brown

00:26:07 Rep. Jacobson

00:27:00 George Golie, MWF

00:27:38 Rep. Bob Brown

00:28:07 George Golie, MWF

00:28:15 Rep. Bob Brown

00:29:23 George Golie, MWF

00:30:01 Rep. Noland

00:30:32 Rep. Jacobson

00:31:00 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:31:35 Rep. Jacobson
 00:32:05 Rep. Fitzpatrick
 00:32:24 Rep. Jacobson
 00:33:38 Rep. Fitzpatrick
 00:33:58 Rep. Jacobson
 00:34:44 Rep. Staffanson
 00:35:20 Rep. Jacobson
 00:35:53 Rep. Staffanson
 00:36:32 Rep. Lieser
 00:36:52 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
 00:37:22 Rep. Lieser
 00:37:39 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
 00:38:00 Rep. Lieser
 00:38:08 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
 00:38:14 Chairman White
 00:39:08 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
 00:40:21 Chairman White
 00:41:16 Rep. Jacobson
 00:41:50 Chairman White
 00:42:38 Rep. Jacobson
 00:43:12 Rep. Bob Brown
 00:44:06 Rep. Jacobson
 00:44:17 George Golie, DNRC
 00:45:12 Rep. Bob Brown
 00:45:27 George Golie, DNRC
 00:45:30 Rep. Flynn left

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:51 Rep. Jacobson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

00:48:26 Chairman White
 00:48:31 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:49:38 Chairman White

00:49:42 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 270 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:49:59 Rep. Dunwell
 00:51:07 Chairman White
 00:53:14 Rep. Court
 00:53:33 Rep. Lieser
 00:54:55 Chairman White

00:55:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Court voting no. Rep. Brown, Rep. Flynn and Rep. Williams voted by proxy.

00:56:03 Recess
01:20:47 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:00 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 82, Expand water policy interim committee duties.

01:21:34 Rep. Williams arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:01 Ron Devlin, Montana Water Well Drillers, Montana Mining Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:44 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:25:08 Sen. Hamlett
01:25:59 Rep. Lieser
01:26:16 Sen. Hamlett
01:27:25 Rep. Dunwell
01:27:54 Sen. Hamlett
01:28:12 Rep. Dunwell
01:28:25 Sen. Hamlett
01:28:37 Chairman White
01:29:41 Sen. Hamlett
01:30:34 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:31:01 Sen. Hamlett
01:31:18 Rep. Williams
01:32:23 Joe Kolman, LSD
01:32:29 Rep. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:53 Sen. Hamlett

01:34:00 Chairman White

ADJOURNMENT

01:35:00 Adjournment

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah27aad.pdf](#))